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***Ninth Sunday after Trinity***  
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Our Old Testament lesson from 2 Samuel 22 is the same as Psalm 18. Here David explains that to the merciful, blameless, and pure God shows himself to be merciful, blameless, and pure, but to the devious God shows himself to be shrewd. The merciful are those who know God's mercy. The pure are those who know God's pure Word that saves them. The blameless are those who repent of their sins and commend themselves to God. But the devious are those who try to hide from God. Yet God will not be fooled. In shrewdness he will bring judgment. This is what David wrote after God had saved him from the curse that Saul had brought on Israel and when God gave the Philistines into his hands. The way David responds to all of this is remarkable. He does not see these battles as wars against flesh and blood. Instead, these were spiritual battles in which God saves those who have been humbled, but judges those with haughty looks. But how would he save the humble?

David knew that God had a much greater plan for his people than merely making them a great physical kingdom. This is why he says at the end of the Psalm, "Great deliverance he gives to his king, and shows mercy to his Christ, to David and his Seed forevermore." David learned from the prophet Nathan that God would raise up one of his sons to be an everlasting king (2 Sam 7). So when David says that God has made him the head of the nations and that a people he did not know will serve him, he knows that his earthly kingdom is only a shadow of what God has promised to accomplish after him. But through faith in this sure promise, David can confidently assert that God has already made him the head of the nations. When he reflects on the fact that God has saved him from his physical enemies, he confesses the greater, eternal truth that God rescues him from the pangs of death. He knows that his righteous cause is taken up by God, and he will reward him. But he does not take any credit for his own greatness. Instead, he attributes it to God's gentleness. He does not boast in his own works, but in humility waits for God to exalt and save him.

**DEAR VISITORS:** As a congregation in the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, Trinity practices ***closed communion***, which means that we only commune those who are members in good standing of sister congregations and have been instructed in the Christian faith as it is summarized in Luther's Small Catechism. If you are a visitor and desire to commune at Trinity, **please speak to Pastor Preus before the service.**

The Order of Morning Service

**Hymn of Invocation** ∞ *What is the World to Me*

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*Stand for final stanza*

**Invocation, Confession & Absolution**

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*Please remain standing through the conclusion of the Collect of the Day.*

Service of the Word



**Introit**

Behold, God is my | helper;\*  
the Lord is with those who up- | hold my life.

**He will repay my enemies for their | evil.\***

**Cut them off | in Your truth.** (Psalm 54:4-5)

Save me, O God, | by Your name,\*  
and vindicate me | by Your strength.

**Hear my | prayer, O God;\***  
**give ear to the words | of my mouth.**

For strangers have risen up a- | gainst me,\*  
they have not set God be- | fore them.

**He has delivered me out of all | trouble;\***  
**and my eye has seen its desire upon my | enemies.** (Psalm 54:1-3, 7)

**Gloria Patri** ∞ *Glory be to the Father*

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**Kyrie** ∞ *Lord, Have Mercy*

**Gloria in Excelsis** ∞ *Glory to God in the Highest*

**Salutation & Collect of the Day**

*Sit*

**Old Testament Reading** ∞ *2 Sam. 22:26-34*

<sup>26</sup>You are kind to those who are kind, perfect with those who are perfect, <sup>27</sup>pure with those who keep themselves pure, and those who are crooked will find You perverse. <sup>28</sup>You save a humble people, but Your look humbles proud men. <sup>29</sup>You are my Lamp, LORD, for the LORD lights up my darkness.

<sup>30</sup>With You I can run against a troop of men; with my God I can jump over a wall. <sup>31</sup>God's way is perfect; the LORD's Word has been tested; He is a Shield to all who go to Him for shelter.

<sup>32</sup>Is there any God beside the LORD? Is there any rock beside our God, <sup>33</sup>the God Who is my strong Fortress? He makes my way blameless. <sup>34</sup>He makes my feet like those of deer and makes me *Stand* on steep places.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



### Gradual

O / LORD, our Lord,\*

how excellent is Your name in / all the earth,

**You who set Your / glory\***

**above the / heavens!** (Psalm 8:1)

### Epistle 1 Cor. 10:6-13

<sup>6</sup>Now, this happened in order to warn us not to long for what is evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Don't worship idols as some of them did, as the Bible says: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to play." <sup>8</sup>Let us not sin sexually as some of them did — 23,000 died on one day. <sup>9</sup>Let us not go too far in testing the Lord's patience as some of them did — the snakes killed them. <sup>10</sup>Don't complain as some of them did — the angel of death killed them. <sup>11</sup>These things happened to them to make them a lesson to others and were written down to warn us who are living when the world is coming to an end. <sup>12</sup>So if you think you *Stand*, be careful that you don't fall.

<sup>13</sup>You haven't been tempted more than you could expect. And you can trust God. He will not let you be tested more than you can *Stand*. But when you are tested, He will also make a way out so that you can bear it.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*



### Verse

Alle- / luia.\*

Alle- / luia.

**Blessed is the man who / fears the LORD,\***

**who delights greatly in His commandments. Alle- / luia.** (Psalm 112:1)

### Triple Hallelujah

### Gospel Luke 16:1-9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus said to His disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of squandering the man's property. <sup>2</sup>He called the manager. 'What's this I hear about you?' he asked him. 'Give an account of your management, because you can't manage my property any longer.'

<sup>3</sup>" 'What will I do?' the manager said to himself. 'My master is taking my job away from me. I'm not strong enough to dig; I'm ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I know what I'll do so that when I've lost my job people will welcome me into their homes.'

<sup>5</sup>So he called everyone who owed his master anything. 'How much do you owe my master?' he asked the first.

<sup>6</sup>" 'Eight hundred gallons of oil,' he answered.

" 'Take your note,' he said, 'Sit down quickly and write "four hundred." ' "

<sup>7</sup>"Then he asked another, 'How much do you owe?'

" 'A thousand bushels of wheat,' he answered.

" 'Take your note,' he told him, 'and write "eight hundred." ' "

<sup>8</sup>"And the master praised the dishonest manager for acting so shrewdly. "In dealing with their own kind of people, the men of this world are shrewder than those who are in the light.

<sup>9</sup>"And I tell you, with the money that's often used in wrong ways win friends for yourselves so that when it's gone, you'll be welcomed into the everlasting homes.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ**

## **Apostles' Creed**

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*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day** *↪ All Depends on Our Possessing*

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## **Sermon**

*Stand*

## **Offertory**

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*Sit*

## **Gathering of the Offering**

*Stand to sing as the offerings are brought forward*

*We give Thee but Thine own,*

*Whate'er the gift may be*

*All that we have is Thine alone,*

*A trust, O Lord, from Thee.*

Please complete the  
Record of Fellowship in the  
folder in your pew.

## **Prayers**

## **General Prayer**

## **Lord's Prayer**

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**Hymn** *↪ Jesus, Savior, Come to Me*

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## **Concluding Collect**

## **Benediction**

*Sit*

**Hymn to Depart** *↪ Praise to Thee and Adoration*

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## **Silent Prayer**

**Ushers for today:** Adam Swann, Evan Scheer Joseph Rethemeyer, Kyle Scheer

**Next week:** Jon Finck, Andrew Rethemeyer, Oscar Otten

**Greeter for today:** James Eads

**Next Week:** David Otten

**Acolyte today:** Colton Swann

**Next Week:** Oscar Otten

**Flower and Altar Care:** **August:** Carolyn Scheer & Leah Preus

**Organist:** Andrew Finck

**Prayer and Petitions:** Rachel Preus (breast cancer); Wayne Scheer and Sue Eads, health concerns. Homebound: Virginia Behrens, Ray & LeeAnn Rohling, Diana Scheer, Paul & Sue Laune; Missionaries: Brandt Klawitter, mission work in Norway; Pastor James May (missionary to Africa); Rev. David Preus (missionary to Romania); Michael & Naomi Ersland, Lutheran Bible Translators. Immanuel Lutheran School, Washington; Camp Trinity; Luther Classical College; Christ the King Lutheran High School.

**Birthdays and Annivers:** Bryan Quick, 15<sup>th</sup>, James Eads, 22<sup>nd</sup>, Everett Howard, 23<sup>rd</sup>  
*(Please email [office@trinitynewhaven.com](mailto:office@trinitynewhaven.com) if your birthday or anniversary has not been listed or was incorrectly listed, so the records can be updated with correct information)*

**August Ladies luncheon:** The ladies of the church will be meeting for lunch on **Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>** at **Elijah McLeans (600 West Front St, Washington)** at 12:30 pm. All ladies are welcome.

**Grass cutting signup sheet** is on the bulletin board. Please take a turn if you are able.

**SELECTION of Greeting Cards from Hymns in My Heart** are available for sale in the narthex, by Trinity Ladies Aid. Check out the greeting card collection of Encouragement, Babies, Thank You, Graduation and Confirmation Cards. The cards are \$2.00 per card. Please deposit money in money slot.



## **The Augsburg Confession**

### **Article XXVI. Of the Distinction of Meats.**

12 Thirdly, traditions brought great danger to consciences; for it was impossible to keep all traditions, and yet men judged these observances to be necessary acts of worship. Gerson writes that many fell 13 into despair, and that some even took their own lives, because they felt that they were not able to satisfy the traditions, and they had all the while not heard any consolation of the righteousness of faith and 14 grace. We see that the summists and theologians gather the traditions, and seek mitigations whereby to ease consciences, and yet they do not sufficiently unfetter, but sometimes entangle, consciences even more. 15 And with the gathering of these traditions, the schools and sermons have been so much occupied that they have had no leisure to touch upon Scripture, and to seek the more profitable doctrine of faith, of the cross, of hope, of the dignity of civil affairs of consolation of sorely tried consciences. 16 Hence Gerson and some other theologians have grievously complained that by these strivings concerning traditions they were prevented from giving attention to a better kind of doctrine. Augustine also forbids that men's consciences should be burdened 17 with such observances, and prudently advises Januarius that he must know that they are to be observed as things indifferent; for such are his words.

18 Wherefore our teachers must not be looked upon as having taken up this matter rashly or from hatred of the bishops, 19 as some falsely suspect. There was great need to warn the churches of these errors, which had arisen from misunderstanding the traditions. 20 For the Gospel compels us to insist in the churches upon the doctrine of grace, and of the righteousness of faith; which, however, cannot be understood, if men think that they merit grace by observances of their own choice.

*(continued next week)*